

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 150
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tennessee's oldest World War I Veteran, Henry Hoodenpyle, on the celebration of his 109th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hoodenpyle will celebrate his 109th birthday on February 26, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Tennessee, Henry Hoodenpyle is a highly respected member of the Lone Oak community of Signal Mountain and the oldest living World War I Veteran in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, at twenty-three years of age, Henry Hoodenpyle enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, serving with great acumen and alacrity as a wagoner at Camp Gordon, Georgia during World War I; and

WHEREAS, upon his honorable discharge from the Armed Forces on June 13, 1919, Mr. Hoodenpyle returned to Signal Mountain where he farmed for many years, earning the respect

and admiration of family and neighbors alike for his excellent work ethic and his kind and generous spirit; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hoodenpyle was joined in marriage with Loie Powell Hoodenpyle; this delightful couple was blessed with two children, Virginia and Randall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoodenpyle also enjoys the love and companionship of his three grandsons and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as Henry Hoodenpyle approaches his twelfth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; he evinces his religious faith as a devout member of Lone Oak Baptist Church and is a member of the Harvey Merriman American Legion Post 190 of Dunlap; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Henry Hoodenpyle, Tennessee's oldest living World War I Veteran, for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon the celebration of his 109th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.